



*Congregation of the Brothers of Charity*  
Regional Office for Ireland and Britain

Kilcornan House  
Clarinbridge  
County Galway  
Ireland

30 October, 2009

Mr Batt O'Keeffe T.D.,  
Minister for Education & Science,  
Head Office,  
Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Minister,

I write in response to the receipt of the letter from the Secretary General of the Department of Education and Science dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 regarding further contributions by the Religious Congregations in light of the Ryan Report.

The Trustees of the Brothers of Charity met in urgent session during the week to consider the contents of the letter and their response. In their deliberations the Trustees took into account the submission made on their behalf to the Panel of Three, the draft summary of that submission prepared by the Panel (copy attached) and the slightly revised version of that summary which was prepared by our Auditors (copy attached).

In light of the above the Trustees wish to advise that they consider it possible to make a contribution of €1.500.000 (one point five million Euros).

If the economic situation improves and if it becomes possible to dispose of one or more of the unencumbered assets at more favourable rates than current valuations indicate, the trustees have asked me to confirm that they would look to make an additional contribution. They will also continue to seek other ways in which they can contribute both in this context and in the context of supporting persons with intellectual disability who wish to relocate from congregated settings within our services.

All commitments to contribute are made on the assumption that they conform to the Law of the Land regarding charitable donations.

The Trustees look forward to receiving at an early date copy of the considered opinion of the Panel of Three regarding the Statement of Affairs which was submitted on their behalf.

With every good wish

Yours sincerely

Bro Noel Corcoran  
Regional Leader

## Brothers of Charity Panel of Three Summary

Formal name:	Congregation of the Brothers of Charity
Present work in Ireland:	Services, training and education for people with intellectual disabilities which are delivered through a limited company charity, Brothers of Charity Services Ireland Ltd, (BCSI Ltd) and its 6 subsidiary companies.
Geographic area to which information relates:	Republic of Ireland (ES, pp.2-3)
Number of members:	14 (4 of whom are overseas)
Age profile of members:	10 aged 60-80 4 aged over 80
Financial advisors:	MK Brazil, Accountants
Auditors:	MK Brazil, Accountants Seagrave-Daly & Lynch, Consulting Actuaries
Property valuers:	Encumbered Property: O'Shea O'Toole & Partners PN O'Gorman Hennelly Allman Auctioneers Savills Galway Region: Hennelly Allman Auctioneers Cogavin & Staunton Clare Region: Costelloe Estate Agents & Valuers Limerick Region: Hickey O'Donoghue Southern: Cohalan Downing South-East: O'Shea O'Toole and Partners Roscommon: Pat Hughes & Co. Ltd., Auctioneer & Valuer

	€m	€m	€m
<b>Financial Resources as at June 2009</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Land & Buildings	169.3		
Financial assets	11.1		
Other assets	0.03	180.4	
of which:			
Property in use or subject to restriction	163.1		
Restricted funds			
<b>Liabilities &amp; Commitments</b>			
Liabilities	2.5		
Continuation of services	2.5		
Living, welfare and care of members	1.5		
Other	8.7		

**Notes:**

- 1 All property has been valued at Open Market Value
- 2 The Congregation holds campus and non-campus based properties that are encumbered as they are currently in use to provide services for people with intellectual disabilities. A number of additional properties are encumbered

as they are currently in use as residences. Some land, valued at approx. €6.2m has been identified as unencumbered.

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## Brothers of Charity Auditors Summary

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Continuation of services	2.5		
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Other	8.7		
		(15.2)	
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>2.1</b>	
<b>Notes:</b>			

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